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For: Stretcher Supporter For Storable Patient Lift and Transfer Device and Method For Doing the Same

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 26, 2006 in the above-identified patent application was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire October 26, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant deems this Amendment and Response timely filed.

Should there be any additional fees due and owing with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account no. 18-0586.

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